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SUBJECT: WESTERN MILITARY MISSIONS IN BERLIN

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1. AT FRENCH REQUEST, DCM MET APRIL 20 WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DEMARCHE IN COPENHAGEN. FRENCH AND BRITISH HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR CAPITALS. IT WAS AGREED THAT WHEN US APPROVAL RECEIVED, THREE DCMS WOULD MAKE JOINT DEMARCHE TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR BIERRING, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK. FRENCH DCM WAS ADAMANT THAT GERMANS SHOULD NOT TAKE PART IN INITIAL DEMARCHE BUT COULD FOLLOW UP LATER. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO OUR INFORMING GERMAN COLLEAGUE, WHICH WOULD BE AFTER RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION IN PARA 3 REFTTEL CONCERNING US DEMARCHE ALREADY MADE IN COPENHAGEN, WE BELIVE THAT A
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FOLLOW-UP TRIPARTITE APPROACH WILL DO NO HARM AND POSSIBLY

MIGHT BE USEFUL. HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS AMBASSADOR MADE
PREVIOUS DEMARCHE AT HIGHER LEVEL, WE BELIEVE IT IS
PREFERABLE TO LET THE OTHER ALLIES TAKE THE LEAD THIS
TIME.

3. OUR GUESS IS THAT THE DANES WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH
ANY OF THE TALKING POINTS BUT THAT THEY WILL REPEAT WHAT
THEY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR IN JANUARY, I.E., THEY SUPPORT A
WESTERN PRESENCE IN BERLIN BUT THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO KEEP
A HIGH-LEVEL REP THERE. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
GUIDANCE.

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